

**SUMMARY OF MEETING
WEST KENDALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL 11
Non-Zoning Meeting
West Kendall Regional Library
10201 Hammocks Boulevard
March 13, 2002
6:30 PM**

Community Council Members Present

Patrick Fiore, Chair
John Feinberg, Vice Chair
Donald J. Abbott
Tim Hyman

Community Council Members Absent

Roy Bustillo

Team Metro Staff Present

Alexander B. Torres, Executive Secretary
Ralph Pérez, Recording Secretary
Lynne Akulin, Administrative Officer 2
Lourdes Avalos, Customer Service Manager

Other Miami-Dade County Staff Present

Kathy Woods, Solid Waste Department
Randy Koper, Parks & Recreation Department
Phyllis Alpert, West Kendall Regional Library

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Patrick Fiore called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. A quorum was present to conduct the business before the Council. Armed Forces Veteran and President of the Sovereign Condominium Association, Martin Nash, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Feinberg motioned to move agenda item #7 to agenda item #6. A motion to approve the evening's agenda was made by Councilman Hyman, seconded by Councilman Abbott, and carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2002

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2002, meeting was made by Councilman Hyman, seconded by Councilman Abbott, and carried unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Mr. Torres briefly spoke in regards to the package distributed to members which included: a copy of three CDMP resolutions that were passed on March 6th, 2002; a copy of resumes of individuals who are interested in Subarea 113 and 116; and a copy of the County Citizen. Also, all members were reminded that March 20th, 2002, is the next zoning meeting, which will be held at Felix Varela High School at 6:00 p.m.

Finally, Mr. Torres discussed the County Citizen, which provides valuable information to the citizens about Miami-Dade County and our neighborhoods. A copy of the County Citizen can be found at all Team Metro offices and/or by visiting the County's web page at www.miamidade.gov.

Presentation Honoring Dr. Firpo Garcia

Council members briefly honored Dr. Firpo Garcia for his hard work and leadership to the community and to West Kendall Community Council 11. Councilman Abbott and Councilman Hyman both generously donated their \$100.00 Council Member paycheck to Doctor's Hospital, in appreciation to Dr. Garcia, who is in pursuit of a heart transplant. Vice Chair Feinberg presented a plaque to Dr. Garcia's family honoring his commitment to serving the community.

Budget Priorities

Mr. Gus Knoepffler from the Office of Management & Budget discussed Spring 2002 Community Council 11 area's top five operating (service/programs) and/or capital (facilities/equipment) needs.

A motion to approve Spring 2002 budget priorities was made by Vice Chair Feinberg, seconded by Councilman Abbott and carried unanimously in the following order: improve police presence, improve infrastructure, improve drainage, address Fire Rescue needs, and increase funding for Parks and after-school programs.

Council members specifically requested the following priorities within each category:

Improve Police Presence

- Increase funding for Crime Watch
- Increase funding for Hammocks Station CAC

Improve Infrastructure

- Widening of SW 152 Street, between SW 147 and 157 Avenues
- Road resurfacing and street lights on SW 152 & 154 Avenues, between Kendall Drive and Miller Drive
- Signal on Kendall Drive and S.W. 162 Avenue

Improve Drainage

- Country Walk
- The Crossings
- Sunset Drive
- Kendale Lakes

Address Fire Rescue Needs

- Complete construction of Fire Stations
- Update equipment (i.e. office, medical equipment)

Increase Funding for Parks and After-School Programs

- Funding and completion of park at S.W. 157 Avenue & SW 160 Street
- Funding for after-school programs at area parks in conjunction with MDCPS
- Funding for Skate Arena
- Funding for Optimist Club of Kendall Hammocks “Wish List” totaling \$19,362.00
- Funding for Optimist Club of West Kendall “Wish List” totaling \$15,800.00

Appointment to Fill Vacancies in Subareas 113 & 116

Chair Fiore acknowledged the resumes of Maria Anduiza and Miguel Cervera, which were submitted for Subarea 113. Chair Fiore advised that the appointment of this vacancy is through November 2002. If the appointee wishes to remain a member of Community Council 11 after completion of this term, the appointee will have to file their application in July, and run for ballot. Each applicant presented a brief overview of their qualifications, and explained why they wished to occupy this seat.

Councilman Hyman motioned to recommend that the names of both candidates, Miguel Cervera and Maria Anduiza, be forwarded to Commissioner Martinez for recommendation to BCC for approval to fill the seat of Subarea 113. The motion was seconded by Councilman Abbott, and carried unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Chair Fiore acknowledged the resumes of Tracy Ponton, Elias Hernandez Jr., and Charlene Burks, which were submitted for Subarea 116. Tracy Ponton was not in attendance, therefore, withdrawing her application by not attending. Each applicant presented a brief overview of their qualifications, and explained why they wished to occupy this seat.

Councilman Hyman motioned to recommend that the names of both candidates, Elias Hernandez Jr. and Charlene Burks, be forwarded to Commissioner Martinez for recommendation to BCC for approval to fill the seat of Subarea 116. The motion was seconded by Councilman Abbott, and carried unanimously.

Other Business

Council members agreed that as of the May 8th, 2002 non-zoning meeting, all meetings begin at 6 p.m.

Agenda for Meeting of May 8, 2002

Items for the agenda of the May 8, 2002 meeting include the following: Parks and Recreation Department Report, Solid Waste Department Presentation, West Kendall Incorporation Update.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Alexander B. Torres, Executive Secretary